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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa will be held in Maputo, Mozambique from Tuesday, 2 April to Friday, 5 April 2013.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 April 2013 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Catembe Gallery Hotel

Rua B 77 Catembe

258 Maputo, Mozambique

Tel: +258 84 2283623

E-mail: reception@galleryhotel.co.mz

Web site: <http://www.galleryhotel.co.mz/en/>

3. Working language

The workshop will be held in English and in French.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshops as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Documents for the workshop will be on the Secretariat's web site as they become available:



<http://www.cbd.int/en/health/africa>

5. General information on access to Maputo, Mozambique



Maputo is serviced by the Maputo International Airport which is about 5 kms from the Maputo city centre. Transportation to and from the airport will be provided for funded participants only by the hotel. If you are receiving funding from the Secretariat, please send an e-mail to crisrina.romanelli@cbd.int indicating your departure and arrival times so that airport pick-up and drop off can be arranged. Taxis are also available at the airport and cost about MZN 200 (US \$10) and the journey takes about 15 minutes to Maputo city centre. Kindly note that participants staying at Catembe Gallery Hotel will be required to take a ferry which runs every day from 5 am until 11:25 pm. A ferry schedule is available here: <http://www.galleryhotel.co.mz/en/catembe/ferry/>

6. Visa information



Participants from South Africa do not require an entry visa for Mozambique. Participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Mozambican diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely

manner, prior to departure. Participants from countries that do not have diplomatic services in their countries may receive a visa upon arrival by presenting a visa letter, which can be issued by the CBD Secretariat.

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique (in Portuguese) at: http://www.minec.gov.mz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=58&Itemid=96. English is available at the following web site: http://embamoc-usa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=89&Itemid=64

A list of relevant Mozambican diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique at following link (in Portuguese): http://www.minec.gov.mz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=106

Visa requirements are as follows:

- Valid passport (minimum of 6 months validity) including 3 blank pages;
- Two completed application forms;
- Two (2) passport sized pictures;
- Return ticket, invitation and/or hotel booking;
- Visa fee as required.

A visa application form is available at the following link: <http://embamoc-usa.org/images/downloads/visaform.pdf>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

Accommodation including meals is being made on behalf of all participants attending the workshop at the Catembe Gallery Hotel (listed above). Reservations will be made for sponsored participants for the duration of the meeting based on participant's individual itineraries. Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at the expense of the sponsored participants and must be settled upon checking out.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the hotel booking by contacting the hotel directly.

Further information on hotels and tourism in Mozambique is available at the following web site:

<http://www.mozambiquetravel.com/maputo-region/maputo-accommodation.aspx>



8. Health information

A **yellow fever vaccination certificate** is required from travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. A risk of Malaria exists throughout the year in the whole country.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant residual DSA on the first day of the workshop.

10. Official language

The official language in Mozambique is Portuguese. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information

In April, temperatures in Maputo usually range between a maximum of +28°C in the daytime and a minimum of +19°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/033/c00128.htm>.

The standard time zone in Mozambique is GMT/UTC + 2 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz plug types are shown in the pictures below.



13. Currency

The currency in Mozambique is the Mozambican Metical (MZN). The current exchange rate as at 12 March 2013 is US \$1 = MZN 29.45 and € 1 = MZN 38.15.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
